

**Request for Application
South Carolina Department of Education
Attendance Improvement Initiative
General Information**

Purpose: To improve student attendance statewide by helping school districts establish attendance incentive programs that are meaningful to youth and their families.

Background: The South Carolina Truancy and Steering Committee developed 18 core recommendations for the South Carolina Center for Truancy and Dropout Prevention (SCCTDP). One of the recommendations was to "give statewide recognition to students with good attendance records."

In efforts not only to address this recommendation but to ensure that districts support good and improved attendance, the SCCTDP would like to provide mini-grants in the amount of \$1,500 to every school district in the state.

Incentives should serve as motivators for school attendance and can be available to both students and parents.

Eligibility and Estimated Available Funds:

All school districts are eligible for funding. Each school district is eligible to receive \$1,500 to assist with the School Attendance Improvement Initiative.

Funding Period: The grant will begin October 31, 2007, and end May 31, 2008.

Examples of Authorized Incentives:

The National Dropout Prevention Center recommends developing incentives that serve as motivators for school attendance. Allowable incentive expenditures include recognition ceremonies, field trips, attendance raffles, certificates, pizza or ice cream parties, recognition tokens (e.g., ribbons, dog tags, pencils), food coupons, and movie passes.

Deadline:

The deadline for submission of the mini-grant application is October 31, 2007. Submissions may be faxed or mailed to

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The proposal form may be downloaded from:

http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/ssys/safe_schools/truancy/index.html